



Town of Bentley

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Information Bulletin

Municipal Elections

2021 Municipal Election

- The 2021 Municipal Election Day is Monday October 18, 2021, **Voting Hours will be 10am to 8pm** (Every four years on the third Monday of October).
- The voting station location for the election will be at the Senior's Drop-In located at Bentley Town Hall at 4918 50th Avenue in Bentley AB.
- Advance voting will occur Thursday October 14, 2021, between the hours of 4pm and 8pm.

Make a difference in your community and consider running for Town Council. For more information regarding the Local Municipal Election, please refer to the Town Website on the main page under 2021 Municipal Election at www.townofbentley.ca. The website will have information regarding how to vote, links to important candidate information and forms and general election information.

Forms are also available for nominations on the Town Website. You may also contact Kathleen McMillin the Returning Officer for the Town of Bentley at (403)-896-1379 or email mcmkathy4@gmail.com to schedule an appointment to submit your nomination forms or if you have specific questions regarding nomination requirements.

Nomination Day

New for 2021 the Nomination period started January 1, 2021, and remains open until **12 noon on Nomination Day, Monday September 20, 2021**. Nomination papers **must be filed** by no later than 12 noon on Monday September 20, 2021.

School Board Trustee

The Town of Bentley is once again working collaboratively with the Wolf Creek School Division and will also conduct the election for School Board Trustee for Ward "C" of the School Division located within the Boundaries of the Town of Bentley. Please contact the School Division directly regarding any nominations specific to School Board Trustee: Mr. Roger Hall, Secretary Treasurer/Returning Officer or Mr. Kevin Pobuda Assistant Secretary Treasurer/Substitute Returning Officer PH: (403)-0748-3473 or email roger.hall@wolfcreek.ab.ca or kevin.pobuda@wolfcreek.ab.ca

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Town Office at (403)-748-4044.

Sincerely,

Marc Fortais
Chief Administrative Officer

Important Forms

Please note that the three fillable forms below will not load in your web browser or mobile device. Instead, please save the forms on your computer, open up Adobe Reader and then open up the PDF file from within Adobe Acrobat software tool. You will then be able to fill and save your form.

If you don't have Adobe Acrobat Reader DC on your computer, you can download it for free by clicking [HERE](#).

- [pdfForm 4 Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance \(54 KB\)](#)
- [pdfForm 5 Candidate Information \(45 KB\)](#)
- [pdfForm 26 Candidate Disclosure and Financial Statement \(49 KB\)](#)

Websites

- [Alberta Municipal Affairs \(https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-elections.aspx\)](https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-elections.aspx)
- [Running for Municipal Office in Alberta – A Candidate's Guide](#)
- Copies of the Acts may be obtained online from <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/>.
- Please refer to the [Local Authorities Election Act](#) for more information.

Thinking about running for Local Government?

- [Roles and responsibilities of municipal officials](#)
- [Pecuniary Interest for Municipal Councillors](#)
- [What Every Councillor Needs to Know!](#)

** If you have thought about community leadership and are not sure where to start, the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) may be of interest to you. For more information, visit the EOEP Website (<http://eoep.ca/home>).

You can also refer to the "Running for Municipal Office Guide" ([link here](#))

You May Run For The Office Of Municipal Councillor if:

- On the day of the Election, you are 18 years of age.
- At the time you submit your nomination papers, you are a Canadian citizen and have resided in Lacombe County for the 6 (six) consecutive months immediately preceding Nomination Day.

You May Not Run For Office Of Municipal Council If You:

- No one is eligible to become a candidate under any of the following circumstances:
 - if you are the auditor of the municipality;
 - if your property taxes are more than \$50 in arrears (excluding indebtedness on current taxes, and indebtedness for arrears of taxes for which the person has entered into a consolidation agreement with the municipality);

- if you are in default for any other debt to the municipality in excess of \$500 for more than 90 days; or
 - if within the previous 10 years you have been convicted of an offense under the Local Authorities Election Act, the Election Act, Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, or the Canada Elections Act.
- MGA s.174(1)(c) - If you are a judge, Member of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada, or Member of the Legislative Assembly, you must resign that position before you take office as a member of a municipal council.
- LAEA s.22(1.2) - A person will be ineligible for nomination if they have failed to comply with the campaign finance and disclosure requirements of the LAEA and:
 - the secretary (chief administrative officer) transmitted a report in respect to that person, and/or
 - the court did not dispense with, or extend the time for compliance.
- A person is deemed to be ineligible under these circumstances for either an eight-year period following the day that a report was transmitted by the secretary or a three-year period following the day the disclosure statement was filed with the municipality (whichever period expires first).

Official Agent

Section 68.1(1) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* states that:

On the nomination form, you may choose to appoint an elector to be your official agent. This person may act as the signing authority for the campaign bank account and manage aspects of your campaign as directed by you. No candidate may act as an official agent for another candidate.

If you have appointed an official agent, you must include the information on the candidate's nomination form. If, at any time, the information changes or there is a need to appoint a new official agent, the candidate is required to notify the returning officer immediately.